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I would like to comment on the installation of WiFi in schools. More to the point, I'd like to encourage you to keep WiFi and any other kind of radio out. I recognize that there is value in having children use computers, and that WiFi connectivity makes that more convenient for them to consume. I imagine wireless connectivity also makes it easier for schools to manage and maintain the computer configurations.

Even so, through personal experience and from observing my 8-year-old son when we're exposed to WiFi, I've learned that our ability to mentally focus, our attention spans, and our overall health tend to decline. I first noticed this when living in an apartment complex that decided to wire the complex for WiFi in 1999. After one of the base antennae was installed on top of my apartment, my sleep became troublesome, I became more irritable, and I gained weight. These symptoms abated once I moved to another apartment that did not have WiFi.

I have similar experiences in my workplace. WiFi is highly pervasive in my workplace and I have no choice but to be exposed to it. Once again, sleep has become a challenge, yet I feel exhausted when I leave work. This does not result from the nature of the work, since the level of effort and stress from my work does not correlate with the level of tiredness when I leave the office.

I do not want my son exposed to WiFi at school, not least because it's where he spends most of his day. I would like to have schools be a WiFi and cell-phone free zone so his young brain and body, which are more susceptible to damage from radio energy, can develop normally.

I urge you to consider the many available studies that show the negative effects of radio energy and make the best choice for the health of our children.